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Price 3d.] EDINBURGH, THURSDAY, APRIL 19. 1787.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

For the Benefit of Mrs ILIFF,

On SATURDAY next, April 21. will be presented, *(Not acted this Season)* The much admired COMEDY of

BELLES STRATAGEM.

Doricourt, Mr WARD;
Sir George Touchwood, Mr WOODS;
Flutter, Mr LA-MASH;
Saville, Mr WILMOT-WELLS;
Courtall, Mr HALLION;
Villars, Mr BELL;
Mountebank, Mr SPARKS;
Pilgrim, Mr MICHEL;
Dick, Mr CHARTERIS;
And Hardy, Mr WILSON.
Lady Frances Touchwood, Mrs KEMBLE;
Mrs Racket, Mrs W. WELLS;
Miss Ogle, Mrs WOODS;
And Letitia Hardy, Mrs JACKSON.

In Act 4th, A GRAND MASQUERADE SCENE, In which will be introduced, The Favourite Song of *Demi Amor*, by Mrs ILIFF, And a MINUET by Mr ILIFF and Mrs JACKSON.

The following SONGS to be Sung by Mrs ILIFF: End of Act I.—A Favourite Scotch *Rondeau.*

Act II.—"*Golden Treasures,*" as Sung by Mr BILLINGTON.

Act III.—"*Dolce mio Spema,*" composed by SACCHINI.

To which will be added, *(by particular desire)*, The DRAMATIC ROMANCE of

CYMON.

Cymon, Mr LA-MASH;
Justice Dorus, Mr MOSS;
Merlin, Mr W.-WELLS;
Damon, Mr BELL;
Dorilas, Mr BLAND, *jun.*;
And Linco, Mr WILSON,
Fatima, Mrs ROBINSON;
Urganda, Mrs SPARKS;
Dorcas, Mrs CHARTERIS;
First Shepherdess, Mrs LA-MASH;
Second Shepherdess, Mrs J. BLAND;
And Sylvia, Mrs ILIFF.

TICKETS to be had of Mrs ILIFF, at her house, No. 4, Shakespeare's Square; of CORRI and SUTHERLAND, on Bridge Street; and of Mr GIBB, at the Office of the Theatre, where places for the Boxes may be taken.

By particular Desire of a Lady of Distinction.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF Mr. MOSS,

On MONDAY Evening, April 23 1787, will be presented, A Favourite COMEDY. *(not acted here these two Years)*

CALLED,

WHICH IS THE MAN?

Beauchamp, Mr WARD;
Belville, Mr WOODS;
Fitzherbert, Mr KEMBLE;
Lord Sparkle, Mr LA-MASH;
And Bobby Pendragen, Mr MOSS.

In which Character he will introduce a New Song, Describing to the Audience,

O WHAT A BEAU HIS GRANNY WAS!

Miss Pendragon *(with a Song in character)* Mrs JACKSON;
Julia, *(for that night only)* Mrs KEMBLE;
Clarinda, Mrs WOODS;
And Lady Bell Bloomer, Mrs ROBINSON,

Being her First Appearance in that Character.

End of Act IV. "*Queen Mary's Lamentation,*" End of the Play, "*The Soldier tired,*" &c. By Mrs ILIFF.

Between the Play and Farce, an INTERLUDE, called,

Fun upon Fun; or, Wit at a Pinch.

Bamwell, Mr BELL;—Gripeall, Mr CHARTERIS;
Noddy, Mr MICHEL;—Polly, Mrs VILLARS;
And Harry, (the Intriguing Valet), Mr MOSS,

In which Character he will introduce,

A Rhiming, Chiming, Snortning, Squeaking, Grunting RHAPSODY,

(As Sung by Mr EDWIN at the Theatre-Royal, Covent-Garden,) called, The

LEARNED PIG's LEVEE.

End of the Interlude, "The Beauty commands me, &c."—A SONG By Mr MICHEL.

To which *(for this night only)*, will be added, A New Farce, called,

HUNT THE SLIPPER;

OR, THE

MACCARONI SHOEMAKER.

As performed at the Theatre-Royal in the Hay-market, upwards of Sixty Nights successively.

Old Winter Bottom, *(as originally performed)* Mr WILSON;
Captain Clement, Mr ILIFF;
Glib, Mr LA-MASH;
And Billy Bristle, *(the Maccaroni Shoemaker)* Mr MOSS.
Old Miss Winter Bottom, Mrs CHARTERIS;
Maria, Mrs WOODS;
And Jenny. Mrs ILIFF.

The PROLOGUE to be spoken *(in character of a Shoemaker)* By Mr MOSS.

The whole to conclude with

AN ADDRESS,

In which Mr MOSS will divulge a

MATRIMONIAL SECRET;

OR,

A NEW WAY TO KEEP A WIFE AT HOME!!!

☞ Mr MOSS, gratefully sensible of past favours, begs leave to inform his Friends and the Public, That he has been anxiously studious in the selection of the above pieces.—He has endeavoured to unite *novelty* and *variety* with *merit;* and in consequence of that determination, has spared no expence in obtaining for them an unexceptionable evening's entertainment.—The PLAY is universally acknowledged to be the best production of Mrs COWLEY's elegant pen, and not to be inferior to the *first* of our English Comedies, for *delicate wit* and true genuine humour.—The INTERLUDE, he flatters himself, will be found *truly laughable;* and the *local* and *descriptive* humour of the LEARNED PIG's LEVEE cannot fail to heighten the *ridicule*—The FARCE of HUNT THE SLIPPER has been esteemed the best After-piece in the modern poetic æra. It ran successively sixty nights at the Theatre Royal, London, to crouded audiences, with unbounded applause, and was particularly honoured by royal approbation, being frequently commanded by their Majesties.—The ADDRESS and MATRIMONIAL SECRET are highly humorous and entertaining; and, as they were licensed by the Lord Chamberlain, (with the M. S. of the Farce, purchased at very considerable expence),—and the whole of the night's entertainment, supported by the united strength of the Company,—Mr Moss presumes to hope, his exertions on this occasion, will meet that approbation he has hitherto been so happy to experience from the Public of Edinburgh, and which it will be his pride, by endeavour, to merit.

TICKETS to be had of Mr Moss, at Mrs Kerr's, Foulis's Close, opposite the Fountain Well, High Street.

MR SHEENER respectfully informs the Public, That by permission of the Governor and Directors of the Musical Society, his CONCERT is fixed for TUESDAY next the 24th instant, and not Saturday next the 21st, as formerly advertised. The Music on this occasion will be selected from the compositions of distinguished Masters, and there will be several beautiful pieces that never were performed in this city. Particulars will be given in a future advertisement.

Tickets to be had of Mr Sheener, at Mrs Cruickshanks, same stair with Corri and Sutherland's music shop, and at all the Music Shops.

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AT a period like the present, when a general taste for Reading and Recitation so universally prevails, it will be found entertaining and useful to establish PUBLIC LIBRARIES in every town throughout the Kingdom.—But as many are deterred from engaging in an establishment of this kind, through the want of proper information respecting the rules and qualifications for conducting such an undertaking to advantage,

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Edinburgh, 14th April 1787.

ALEXANDER D'ASTI returns his most respectful thanks to his friends, for the encouragement which he has met with since his arrival in this Metropolis, and begs leave to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general, That he continues to teach the French and [illegible] the other teachers in this city.

Mr D'ASTI proposes to publish immediately a NEW GUIDE to the FRENCH LANGUAGE, composed of such Instructions, as will be found to lead young people to the right understanding and proper orthography of that language; and expressed in a manner better adapted to the capacities of young people than any other hitherto published. To which will be added, a Short System of French Book-keeping, calculated both to promote the knowledge of the mercantile style in the French Language, and the method of arranging and adjusting accounts of business, which, in a trading country, can never be unacceptable.

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WHEREAS, an advertisement appeared in the newspapers, inviting Sawers to come and work in the Timber Yards in Leith, promising suitable encouragement to such as might apply—The Sawers in Leith find it necessary to lay a state of facts before the public in order to [illegible] and move any proposal [illegible] them, and that their conduct in this matter may not be reckoned a combination. The prices for sawing fir logs, plank, and dales, have been established by long practice, and were never known to be under 2½d. per foot, or 2s. 1d. per hundred, till about sixteen or seventeen years ago, owing to a scarcity of work, the price came to be reduced to 1s. 10d. per hundred, and that of plank and dales to 1s. 6d. and 1s. 2d. and since the above period, a gentlemen who is remarkably forward in matters of that kind, reduced the price of logs to 1s. 8d. per hundred; but after getting a few months in winter in his own way, he was obliged to give the former price; however he found means to reduce the wages when working by the day, from 1s. 4d. to 1s. per day. Labouring under these hardships for a number of years past, the Sawers unanimously resolved to request of their masters, to give them the old price for their work, which request they gave in to them in writing five days before they left work; and the following Gentlemen, sensible of their just claim, have agreed to give their men all their demand: viz Messrs. James Scott and Co. and Mr John Maclean; and it is but justice to observe, that these Gentlemen never gave less than 2s. 1d. for logs, and none of them under 1s. 10d. for plank, and always paid their men 1d. 6d. and 2s. when working by the day. The Sawers are sorry to be obliged to lay this matter before the public through the channel of a newspaper; but as every thing has been, and they expect will be done, to prevent them getting employ from other masters, they think it their duty as well as their interest to give a fair state of the matter as above.

N. B. Any Gentlemen, Builders, or others, who want Sawers, will be served by applying to the Sawers at Leith.

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The Ship JAMAICA,

(British built)

ARCHIBALD MALCOLM Master,

Will be ready to receive goods at Greenock on the 7th April, and to sail about the 10th May.

For Wilmington in North Carolina,

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March 31. 1787.

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A variety of Printed Goods, entirely new, from 2s. to 6s. 6d. per yard.
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Fine ditto,	0 5 6	Common ditto,	0 4 6
Finest ditto,	0 6 0	Shrub,	0 4 6
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Fine ditto,	0 6 0	Strong Old Proof Whisky,	0 2 8
Good Hyson,	0 7 0	Ditto,	0 3 0
Fine Hyson,	0 7 6	Good Whisky,	0 2 6

Very Finest ditto, 8s. & 9s.

Rice, 3d. half-penny; Soap, 7d. Starch, 7d. & 6d.—Sugar at prime cost.

Teas and Spirits recommended are, Congou, 4s & 5s. Suchong, 5s. 3d. 5s. 6d. & 6s. Old Proof Whisky, 2s. 8d. & 3s. ditto, 2s. 6d.

☞ Groceries at the lowest prices, &c.

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Margaret & Anne of Leith,

ALEXANDER COMB Master,

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AT LONDON—FOR LEITH;

The Lovely Mary,

JAMES BOYD Master,

Is lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will sail the 30th April 1787.

The Master to be spoke with at the New England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle-street, by the Royal Exchange, at 'Change hours; mornings and evenings on board the ship.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,

The FRIENDSHIP,

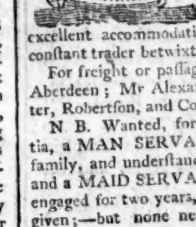
(A New Ship,)

THOMAS RITCHIE Master,

Now lying on the Birth in Leith [illegible] taking in goods, and will

N. B. The Ship has good accommodation for passengers.

The Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, or at his house in Leith.



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WILLIAM ROBERTSON Master,

Now ready to receive goods on board at Greenock, and will sail by the 20th April 1787.

The Ruby is a fine British built ship, about 400 tons burden, has excellent accommodation for passengers, and is intended as a constant trader betwixt Nova Scotia and Greenock.

For freight or passage apply to Mr Alexander Smith jun. Aberdeen; Mr Alexander Warrand, Glasgow; or to Hunter, Robertson, and Co. Greenock.

N B. Wanted, for a Gentleman's Family in Nova Scotia, a MAN SERVANT that can tend table, assist in the family, and understands something of a kitchen garden,—and a MAID SERVANT for domestic service,—both to be engaged for two years, their passage paid, and good wages given;—but none need apply that are not well recommended.

‖‖ Women Servants, of good character, will find great encouragement in Nova Scotia. Such as cannot pay their passage will be indented for one year, and have liberty to fin masters for themselves when they arrive at Halifax.

☞ House Carpenters and Young Men acquainted with arming will find good encouragement.

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WILLIAM JAMIESON Master,

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N. B. The Charlestown will have a Mediterranean pass.

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RAMSAY, WILLIAMSON, and Co. Leith, have for sale SEED BARLEY, of the finest quality, from Sussex. Also, FLOUR, of the same mark as formerly.

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Of 1780 and 1781,

In the Southern Provinces of North America.

By Lieut. Colonel TARLETON, Commandant of the late British Legion.

Printed for T. Cadell in the Strand.

A Trunk Lost or Stolen.

Sheriff Clerk's Office, Edinburgh, April 18. 1787.

UPON Wednesday the 4th of April current, there was STOLEN or LOST from a cart in the Canongate of Edinburgh, A SMALL TRUNK, covered with leather, and ound in the head, containing the following articles, viz.

A dark blue Coat, lined with black, and black buttons.
A prince's stuff Vest.
A pair of black velveret Breeches.
A pair of black Stockings.

The above articles were all new.

Two pair of nankeen Breeches.
A printed velveret Vest, blue and buff, striped.
A narrow striped cassimere Vest.
and pair [illegible]
Six Neckcloths, and seven Pocket Handkerchiefs, marked as above.
A fine new-cocked Hat.
A young lady's Gown, of light printed cotton.
Two Shifts, marked E. C.
Six pair of Thread Stockings.
Besides other small articles.

Whoever has found said Trunk, or any of the above articles, or knows where they are, upon delivery thereof, or giving such information, within three months from this date, to William Scott procurator-fiscal of this county, as shall be the means of recovering the trunk and goods above mentioned, or conviction of the offender, shall receive a reward of FIVE GUINEAS, and the informer's name, if required, concealed.

N. B. In case the above articles are offered to sale, it is intreated they may be stopped, and the person offering them to sale detained till notice is given as above. If after this intimation, any of the above particulars are found in the custody of any person, they [illegible] rigour of law.

[illegible] APPREHENDED.

THAT upon Friday the 6th day of April current, there were apprehended near to Perth, coming from Dunkeld market, where they had been followed on suspicion of picking pockets in the market, four TINKERS or VAGRANTS, of the following descriptions, and who seem to have been part of a gang of fourteen or fifteen, who were in company that day.

PETER YOUNG, horse-dealer at Tullecurry, parish of Touch, and shire of Aberdeen, dressed with a drab coloured big-coat, a blue coat with a white button, having the figure of a fox, and the word *tally-ho* cut out on them, boot-hose, large white buckles, velveret waistcoat, corduroy breeches, a red silk handkerchief with yellow spots about his neck; a round hat, with a black ribbon and brittos buckle. Young seems to be about five feet eight inches high, his hair dark brown, cut short round high shouldered, hangs his head much, dark complexioned, and much pitted with the small pox.

CHARLES BROWN, *alias* John Watt, *alias* John Brown, tinker, says he resides in Stirling; was dressed in a short light blue coat, double lappels, with white buttons and two at each hand, pockets on the inside, plain plush breeches, velveret waistcoat, black silk handkerchief about his neck, white stripped worsted stockings, and boot-hose, yellow groved buckles; about 30 years of age, five feet eight inches high, black hair, and dark complexioned.

JAMES ROBERTSON, nephew to Charles Brown, a short green coat very much wore, almost yellow, an old shag waistcoat mixed, brown breeches, blue and white worsted stockings, fair complexioned, and rather well looked, seems to be about seventeen or eighteen years of age, and about five feet three inches high.

JOHN IMBRIE, travelling chapman, and resides at Glasgow; a blue coat with yellow buttons, blue waistcoat, double row of small white buttons, corduroy breeches, grey worsted stockings, and a black silk handkerchief about his neck, black curled hair, round faced, and ruddy complexioned, about five feet four inches high.

Peter Young, when he left Tullecurry, had in his possession two mares and a horse, one of the mares of a greyish blue colour, the other brown, and the horse black; and there was found upon him a silver watch, No. 865. maker's name F. Hopewell, London; and says he bought the watch at Dunfermline about a year ago.

To the person to whom he sold the brown mare, he said, he lived in or near Stirling, and was a dealer in horses.

Any person who can give information of the above vagrants, that may tend to criminate them, may communicate the same to James Ross, Procurator Fiscal of the county of Perth, without delay. 16th April, 1787.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *April* 14

Paris, April 10.

ON Sunday evening, his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty was pleaſed to remove Monſ. de Calonne from the office of Comptroller-General of the Finances, and on Monday evening Monſ. de Fourqueux, Counſellor of State, was appointed to ſucceed him. His Majeſty has alſo thought proper to diſmiſs Monſ. de Miromeſnil from his office of *Garde des Sceaux*, and Monſ. de Lamoignon, one of the Preſidents of the Parliament of Paris, is named to ſucceed him.

Monſ. d'Aligre, firſt Preſident of the Parliament of Paris, has retired.

The Aſſembly of the *Notables* is adjourned to Monday next.

Vienna, March 20.

An Imperial edict has been publiſhed here, dated the 8th inſtant, prohibiting the importation into any of the Auſtrian dominions of hardware, cutlery, turnery, toys, ſtationary, cordage, whalebone, leather-gloves, ribbons, cottons, linens, watches, fans, thread, ſadlery, &c. unleſs by individuals for their own uſe, and not for ſale; but cambricks, gauzes, muſlins, and lawns are permitted to be imported by paſſport for ſale, paying a duty of ſix florins *per* pound weight.

From the London Papers, *April* 16.

Namur, April 3. On Thurſday laſt, an Imperial order came down here, commanding our Biſhop to leave this city. His temporalities, and what perſonal fortune he has, are ſeized upon, and himſelf reduced to a bare annuity of 5000 florins. The Abbey called Dunmoulin is entirely ſuppreſſed, and three only will be ſuffered to remain in the county of Namur, viz. Eloroff, Boneff, and Windſor. The Firſt Commiſſary has it in command not to permit in future the conſtitutional meetings of the ſtates within this province. Theſe unexpected alterations are grievouſly felt by many, and appear wonderful to all. Yet they are looked upon as the prelude to greater exertions of authority, which we never witneſſed before under our late ſovereign. We muſt comfort ourſelves with the hopes that all theſe changes in our former mode of government are well meant, and will end in ſecuring more firmly our future welfare and proſperity.

LONDON, *April* 16.

Yeſterday, Mr Pitt, and the Hon. Mr Elliot, returned to town from a viſit to the Dowager Counteſs of Chatham at Burton, in Somerſetſhire.

The Duke of Glouceſter has ſent over, as a preſent to the King, ſeveral curious *antique urns* which have been collected in Italy;—A few *jars*, filled with *coins*, would be an equitable return!

A new lodge of Free Maſons, by diſpenſation from the Grand Lodge, is formed and held at the Thatched Houſe Tavern, compoſed chiefly of the Prince of Wales's houſehold. The Prince, who was made a maſter-maſon a few days ago, is the maſter of it. The wardens are not yet choſen. The ſecretary is the Rev. William Peters.

The Admiralty Board have lately made a ſtanding order relative to the marine corps, by which the officers of the ſeveral diviſions are to have a call for the King's ſhips he [illegible] as naval officers on board.

An expreſs is arrived in town from Paris, which mentions, that the time for finally ſigning the laſt convention on the treaty between France and England is elapſed without its having been brought to a concluſion. Some further delay is occaſioned by the riſe of new matter. Couriers arrive almoſt daily from London; and Mr Eden and the French Miniſter meet as frequently.

A traveller who lately paſſed through Spain, mentions the extravagant fondneſs the people of that country have for dogs. He ſays, on a viſit to a Spaniſh man of faſhion, he was received by him with a little dog on each hand, and another on his knees; two greyhounds were fighting in the room; a ſpaniel was barking under the bed; and three beagles were ſcratching at the door for admiſſion.

The appearance of an approaching war between [illegible] and the Porte ſeems not in the leaſt alarmingly, are daily making on the parts of the two powers, who now regard not each other with an eye of peace. The Empreſs, on all hands, is ſuſpected not to have made her long journey with the idea alone of taking poſſeſſion of her new territory, but that ſhe wiſhes to extend the limits of it. The Porte ſhews the ſtrongeſt oppoſition to every encroachment, and is taking all poſſible means to gather new ſtrength.—At Paris a Turkiſh Dragoman is arrived, which is the uſual forerunner of an Ambaſſador from the Sublime Porte. The Baſhaw will probably follow in the ſpace of a month or ſix weeks. The buſineſs that he is about to negociate is ſaid to be of the laſt importance; the particulars of which are not yet authentically ſtated.

That Mr Cowper ſhould have been miſtaken for Barrington, is not extraordinary; the Printer's Devil, in Foote's farce of the Author, expreſſes his uncertainty of knowing a *pick-pocket* from a *poet!*

So great was the apprehenſion of puniſhment in thoſe who have viewed the ſufferings of others with the utmoſt placidity, that Mr Haſtings, we are aſſured, has already drawn up a petition to the Houſe of Lords, praying, that if his trial ſhould be deferred, he may not ſtand committed, or at leaſt that he may be allowed ſufficient time to perfect his bail. What their Lordſhips anſwer to this *modeſt* demand may prove, we ſhall not pretend to anticipate; but it will at leaſt ſerve to ſound the diſpoſitions of thoſe noble Lords, who, as Mr Haſtings and his agents have induſtriouſly rumoured, are to be the zealous advocates of the *oppreſſed* Governor-General.

The Emperor of the Eaſt is determined, if nothing better can be done, to retire to *Hanover*;—he will there, at leaſt, have a ſeat among the Lords of the Regency in that Electorate!

The Secret Committee, who have it in charge to prepare the impeachment againſt Warren Haſtings, Eſq; have already gone through voluminous evidence at the India Houſe, and have ſo arranged their plan as to make it probable that the bill of impeachment will be ready to be laid before the Houſe of Commons by the expiration of the preſent month.

The Board of Controul are at preſent employed in making a ſtrict enquiry into the debts due to Government from the Eaſt India Company, on account of the regiments employed in their ſervice, their pay having been diſburſed by Government to a large amount, though chargeable to the Company from the inſtant they embark on board their ſhips. The debt on this account, as far as has been computed, amounts to ſomewhat more than 400,000 l.

In the courſe of the late examinations at the bar of the Houſe of Commons, ſome facts were brought forward which caſt additional light on the legal murder of the unfortunate Nundocomar. That buſineſs, therefore, will form a part of the firſt criminal charge againſt Sir Elijah Impey, which will determine in its events, whether that *mild* and *dignified* Judge has not *ſanguined*, as well as *ſoiled* his *ermine*.

Major Scott, who has ſo long been field officer to the Royal ſquad, now finds a general ſpirit of revolt prevail through his troops, in conſequence of the compulſive diſcloſure of his late *oriental manœuvres*.

What Mr Haſtings has *acquired* in India has been ſtated at ſixty thouſand pounds. What Mrs Haſtings has *ſecured* does not yet appear.

Not many weeks ago, in conſequence of a diſpute, two gentlemen of the army had occaſion to ſettle a matter honourably; the one, with his ſecond, were from Ireland—the other a native of this country. As the Iriſh gentleman was about to fire, his ſecond came up, and whiſpered him to know, Whether he could not remember a bit of a prayer for the occaſion? "Upon my ſoul, and I don't remember any, (replied the principal) except what our Chaplain ſays before dinner—*For what we are going to receive, the Lord make us thankful!*"

A certain Baronet, of *driving* fame, has, within theſe few days, changed the fair but faithleſs object of his attachment for another. He found her with Colonel W. in a ſituation, which he imagined that he had himſelf an excluſive right of occupying, and which he had been at a vaſt expence to monopolize. The ſlighted lover diſcarded her with cool and generous gallantry, leaving upon her toilet a hundred pound bank note, on which he had written, "Meaning ſolemnly to keep my word, I employ the moſt reſponſible paper upon earth to aſſure you that I have parted from you *for ever*."

It is ſaid that a member of Parliament, of great abilities and perſonal conſequence, intends bringing in a bill to fix a ſtamp of 50 l. on articles of indenture between attornies and their clerks, in order to give credit to the profeſſion of the law, by diminiſhing that numerous crew of blood-ſucking practitioners who at preſent infeſt and diſhonour it.

Dr Herſchel, the celebrated aſtronomer, has nearly completed his ſtupendous teleſcope. It will be upwards of forty feet long, and four feet nine inches in diameter. Its power, it is ſuppoſed, will exceed any inſtrument of the ſame kind in the world. Beſides the two ſatellites of the *Georgium Sidus* lately announced, the ingenious conſtructor believes that, by the help of his new inſtrument, he ſhall be able to diſcover more ſatellites of the ſame planet, and purſues his reſearches with a curioſity not more enlightened than indefatigable.

An arret has juſt been publiſhed in France, dated the 14th of February laſt, offering a premium of five livres per quintal, for all dried and ſalt cod, imported by French ſhips into the Levant; and the ſame premium for every quintal of congers, which are taken and dried on the coaſt of France, and exported to foreign parts. Alſo another arret, which raiſes a premium of five livres as eſtabliſhed the 26th of November 1785, to eight livres for every quintal of dried and fair cod, imported into the Windward and Leeward Iſlands by ſtrangers, and twelve livres for every quintal dried and imported by the ſubjects of France into ſaid iſland.

Whether it be through a ſpirit of emulatn with other kingdoms, or from a ſtill ſtronger principle, that of [illegible] every nerve in order to raiſe and extend her commerce. So much is this become an object of general attention, that the academies of Arts and Sciences, in ſeveral of the provinces, have made it the ſubject of their prize queſtions. That of Orleans requires, "What are the beſt means of bringing the trade of that place to the higheſt degree of perfection of which it is ſuſceptible?" &c. And that of Angiers deſires to know "how the commerce of that city and province may be beſt revived and augmented?"

On the firſt appearance of Dr Johnſon's Dictionary, a country ſchoolmaſter was ſo taken with the *ſeſquipedalia verba* of the preface, that he could not reſiſt the impulſe of writing a letter to the pompous lexicographer, which he ſuperſcribed in theſe words—"To the moſt deuteronomical Polydoxologiſt, pauthophilological Linguiſt, Mr Archi Rabbi, Sophi Diotrephis—S. Johnſon, Eſq;"

The following Verses were lately left in the plaid ſaſh and waiſtcoat of the *Princeſs Royal* and the *Prince of Wales*:—

LONG o'er invidious Diſtinction's grave,
The Caledonian plaid let England wave!
And cloſer in its friendly folds embrac'd,
Be George's breaſt, and Charlotte's beauteous waiſt!
On each, (whilſt Diſcord, vanquiſh'd demon, flies)
Entwin'd the White Roſe, and the Red ſhall riſe;
Surpaſs the York and the Lancaſtrian line,
And mingle incenſe on a purer ſhrine.

Anecdote of a new-made Juſtice.—A new-made Juſtice of the Peace, in order to qualify himſelf for diſcharging the duties of his office, pored over ſome old law books, in one of which he found an act, inflicting a penalty upon ſuch perſons as ſhould "Fire any Beacon," which he unfortunately read, "Fry any Bacon." His Worſhip, a few days after this diſcovery, riding through a village, caught a poor woman in the very act of frying ſome raſhers for her dinner: Zealous to fulfil his duty, he cauſed her immediately to be apprehended and committed to priſon, and at the next quarter ſeſſions had her brought forth and arraigned for that offence; when an explanation took place, greatly at the expence of his Worſhip's erudition, and to the no ſmall diverſion of a crouded court.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 16.

"This day, the Houſe of Lords met, purſuant to their adjournment for the holidays, and, having read a private bill, immediately adjourned till Wedneſday next. The only Lords that attended were, the Chancellor, Lord Bathurſt, Lord Scarſdale, and the Biſhop of Lincoln. Lord Amherſt came down juſt as the Houſe broke up.

"To-morrow, the Houſe of Commons will meet for the diſpatch of buſineſs, agreeable to their adjournment.

"A large bill, printed in a moſt capital and ſtriking large type, has, within theſe few days, been publiſhed, and ſtuck up as a poſting-bill all round the metropolis, and particularly on the Royal Exchange, ſetting forth, That an appeal will be made to the Biſhop of London, on a charge of fornication, againſt the Right Honourable Edward Lord T——w, Lord High C——r; and that his Lordſhip will be proceeded againſt for the ſame in the eccleſiaſtical Court. A certain northern young nobleman is ſaid to be at the back of this affair, which is expected to make ſome noiſe in the world."

Mr Hugh Wood, merchant in Leith, died the 16th current.

On Friday laſt the 13th inſt. the Univerſity of Edinburgh unanimouſly conferred the degree of Doctor in Divinity on the Rev. John Smith, Miniſter of Campbeltown, in the county of Argyle, author of Gaelic Antiquities, and ſeveral other ingenious publications.

On Monday laſt, Mr Graham of Gartmore, Mr Fletcher, Secretary to the Committee of Convention, and the Gentlemen from Glaſgow, Aberdeen, Inverneſs, Perth, Dundee, and the other principal boroughs, appointed to go to London to introduce the Reform Bill into Parliament, ſet out from this city for London.

Laſt night other three lots or areas, for buildings, on the weſt ſide of South Bridge Street, being No. 15th, 16th, and 17th, were ſold by auction. The firſt lot went off at *Two Thouſand Two Hundred and Forty Pounds Sterling*; the ſecond, at *Two Thouſand One Hundred and Ten*; and the third at *Two Thouſand Five Hundred and Seventy Five*; making in all *Six Thouſand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds Sterling*. The firſt two lots ſold laſt night, conſiſt each of 47 feet 8 inches in front along Bridge Street, and 43 feet wide. The third lot is the corner area fronting the Cowgate, and conſiſts of 48 feet in front along Bridge Street, and 45 feet wide. The amount of all the lots hitherto ſold is within about 100 l. of 40,000 l. Sterling.

James Jackſon, journeyman fleſher, was yeſterday convicted before the Magiſtrates of knocking a gentleman down in the ſtreets, and ſentenced to be whipt through the city on Wedneſday ſe'ennight.

Upwards of thirty perſons of different denominations having been convicted before the Magiſtrates of foreſtalling the poultry market, ſome were fined 20s ſome 15s. ſome 10s. and others committed to priſon for a certain number of days.

It is with pleaſure we learn, that the benevolent Society *for promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor*, compoſed of ſome citizens of Edinburgh, under the countenance of the Right Hon. the Earl of Leven, have already obtained ſubſtantial proofs of the favour of the public, and from perſons of a liberal turn of mind of very different religious ſentiments. Lately, a generous donation was ſent to them from a worthy clergyman of the unqualified Epiſcopal perſuaſion.—On Sunday the 28th current, a collection for their benefit, in the congregation of the Rev. Mr Hall, in the Burgher meeting-houſe, New Town, Edinburgh, amounted to 20 l. and laſt Sunday, a collection was made for the benefit of [illegible] congregation of the Rev. Mr Peddie, of the Burgher Meeting-houſe in Briſto-ſtreet, of this city, which amounted to upwards of 23 l. It is hoped that ſuch examples of benevolence will ſtimulate others to "go, and do likewiſe."

On the 10th inſtant, the Preſes and Secretary of the Committee of Reform for the burgh of Lanark, took a proteſt againſt the Provoſt, Bailies, Dean of Guild, and Deacon Convener, ſimilar to the proteſts taken by the burgh of Dunbarton and others, to which no anſwer was made.

We learn with pleaſure, that the operations upon the Great Canal are now going on with ſpirit, and are likely to give employment and bread to many labourers in the courſe of the ſpring and ſummer, who, by ſteadineſs and induſtry, have it in their power to make from 1s. 6d. to 2s. per day; and a large number are likely to be employed.

The Margaret and Anne of Leith, Alexander Comb maſter, is arrived at London, from Leith.

Mr J. Sim, preacher of the goſpel, has received a preſentation to the pariſh of New Kilpatrick, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr Carrick.

On Tueſday laſt, the very Reverend the Provincial Synod of Aberdeen met, and after an excellent ſermon by Dr Glennie, the former moderator, choſe Dr Brown at Newhills, moderator. The firſt buſineſs of the meeting was an appeal by a probationer againſt a ſentence of the Preſbytery of Garioch, which the Synod, after ſome debate, affirmed. The Synod then proceeded to conſider an overture concerning the propoſed Union of the Colleges; when they diſapproved of the propoſed Union by a majority of thirty-five to ten; againſt which ſentence Dr George Campbell in his own name, and in the name of all his adherents, proteſted and diſſented.

Letters received at Whitehaven laſt week from Providence, Rhode-Iſland, confirm the account of their legiſlature having ſhut the doors of juſtice againſt the demands of Britiſh creditors!—No means are now to be had for the recovery of debts due from the virtuous inhabitants of that part.

The 24th and 26th regiments, for Canada, and two not yet fixed, for Nova Scotia, are to embark at Cork the firſt week of May.

The Amity, Captain Bridget, of and from Dyſart, for Memel, was at Copenhagen the 3d inſt. all well. As this is the only ſhip of that name belonging to the frith of Forth, the publiſhers of the St James's Chronicle muſt have been at a loſs for a paragraph, when they put in the Amity of and from Leith, for the Baltic, was loſt at Shetland the 2d inſt.—The writer of the paragraph however had the humanity to ſave the crew.

On the night of Friday laſt, about twelve o'clock, the Katty, of Kirkcaldy, James Chalmers maſter, bound to Leith, went aſhore to the eaſtward of the harbour. This misfortune was occaſioned by there being no light at the Peer end, and one of the doors of the Glaſshouſe being left open, which was taken for the light that ought to have been upon the end of the Pier. A little before the Katty went aſhore, a Kinghorn paſſage-boat had nearly ſhared the ſame fate, for want of the light on the Pier end; in paſſing, however, they luckily obſerved the Pier end, time enough to put the boat about.

A letter is received at Borrowſtounneſs, from Capt. Robertſon of the Ocean Greenlandman, belonging to that port, dated at Lerwick in Shetland, 8th current, which brings the following accounts:

The Ocean had, by the 28th ult. the ſixth day from ſailing, got ſo far as 67. 35. north latitude—3. 15. weſt longitude, when a ſevere gale came on at eaſt, and in handing the top-ſails, Peter Steen, one of the ſailors, was killed by a fall from the main-top ſail yard. The gale encreaſing, the ſhip was laid to. Next morning it blew ſtill harder, ſeveral heavy ſeas were ſhipped; one in particular tore up the larboard gunwell, carried away timber-heads, capſtone, ſtantions and quarter-ſherds, alſo ſhove four boats on the main deck.

In this ſituation, the Captain thought it prudent to bear away on the afternoon of the 29th ult. for Shetland, when he arrived in Braſſey Sound on the afternoon of the 2d curt.—got his damages repaired, and when he wrote, 8th current, was again all clear for proceeding to Greenland.—Before he bore away, he ſaw, a little to windward, the Britannia, Taylor, of Borrowſtounneſs, all well; and adviſes, that on the 7th current, ſeventeen ſail went out of Shetland, among which were,

General Boyd,	Kinchen,	of London.
General Elliot,	Brown,	of ditto.
General Conway,	Sparks,	of ditto.
Hawk,	——,	of ditto.
Friendſhip,	——,	of ditto.
Phœnix,	——,	of ditto.
Archangel,	——,	of Lynn.

And ſeveral others, whoſe names could not be learned.

On Friday evening laſt, —— M'Fie, boatſwain of the Royal George cuſtomhouſe cutter, fell overboard into the dock, Port-Glaſgow. Immediate aſſiſtance was procured, and ſearch made for him. He was taken out of the water near an hour after, and every effort uſed by the faculty of the place without effect.—He has left a poor widow and eight children.

Early on Tueſday morning, a man was found dead on a dunghill at the foot of a cloſe near the ſaw-mill, Bridgegate, Glaſgow. Whether he had loſt his way, or was carried there by bad company, cannot yet be aſcertained; but his watch, a guinea, and a twenty ſhillings note, which he was known to have had on Monday, were carried off. He was a boatman from Greenock, whoſe name was Andrew Grey.

On Thurſday night laſt, betwixt eight and nine o'clock, John Martine, a porter, was attacked at the potatoe-market, Glaſgow, entry to the Wynd-church, by four fellows, one of whom, the others ſtanding by, robbed him of a purſe, which contained about twenty pence in halfpence. He had ſome ſilver in his other pocket, which the villains luckily did not ſearch.

Extract of a letter from Glaſgow, April 18.

"Saturday laſt, the Circuit Court of Juſticiary was opened here, by the Right Honourable Lord Hailes, when the following buſineſs came before the Court, *viz.* Thomas Gentles, indicted for ſtealing a piece of cloth from a bleachfield at Kirklee, and other acts of theft, was tried. The trial laſted till three o'clock in the afternoon, when the jury was incloſed. Monday morning, they returned their verdict, finding the libel *proven*. Tueſday morning, he was ſentenced to be hanged on Wedneſday the 23d of May.

"The Court, on Saturday afternoon, proceeded to the trial of Thomas White, indicted for ſtealing, and for being habit and repute a thief. The trial laſted till ten o'clock that night, when the Jury incloſed. They returned their verdict on Monday morning, finding the act of theft *proven*. He was ſentenced, on Tueſday, to be whipt through this city, on Wedneſday the 2d of May, and to be baniſhed forth of Scotland for life.

"On Monday, Lords Hailes and Henderland proceeded to the trial of John Macaulay and Thomas Veitch, indicted for ſtreet-robbery. The trial laſted till three in the afternoon, when the Jury were incloſed; and, on Tueſday morning, they returned a verdict, unanimouſly finding the libel *proven*. The Court delayed pronouncing ſentence till Wedneſday.

"Monday afternoon, Andrew Aitken, accuſed of ſtealing cloth from a bleachfield at Stockingfield, petitioned for baniſhment, which the Court granted.—Next were brought to the bar, John Maclaren, Mary Macarthur, Anne Macwilliam *alias* Macdonald, and Eliſabeth Pringle, from Dunbarton, accuſed of robbing Robert Tannahill and his wife of ſeveral articles, and knocking them down. The libel was reſtricted to an arbitrary puniſhment, and they were *found guilty*. Sentence was pronounced againſt them on Tueſday; Mary Macarthur to be baniſhed for life, and the other three for ten years.

"William Scott was next brought to the bar for ſtealing cloth out of the ſhop of Mr John Bartholomew. The libel was reſtricted to an arbitrary pu-

banishment; and the Jury, returning a verdict on Tuesday morning, finding *part* of the libel *proven*. Sentence was delayed till this day.

" David Barclay, from Paisley, accused of receiving stolen cloth, petitioned for banishment; and Marion Andrew, from Paisley, accused of child-murder, petitioning likewise for banishment,—which petitions were granted; and they were accordingly banished from Scotland for life.

" Tuesday morning, James Hamilton, from Stenhouse, was tried for killing —— Barr, in the parish of Lesmahagow. The trial lasted till three o'clock, and the Jury returned a verdict at five in the evening, finding the libel *not proven*; upon which he was dismissed from the bar.

" William Hutton was next tried, for stealing silk handkerchiefs from a stall in this city, and *found guilty*. He is to receive sentence this day.

" Robert Wright, a boy of about sixteen years of age, from Paisley, accused of theft, was next put to the bar. He was found guilty upon his own confession. Sentence will be pronounced this day.

" Robert Seaton, late apprentice to Messr. Stirlings of Cordale printfield, accused of thefuously carrying away patterns from the field, in violation of trust, and selling the same, was fugitated for not appearing."

Extract of a letter from Dublin, April 12.

" On Tuesday, his Grace the Lord Lieutenant came in state to the House of Peers, and gave the Royal assent to the French commercial treaty bill, and to the bill for granting 17,000 l. for bounties in the encouragement of manufactures.

" The intelligence lately communicated to the House of Commons by Mr Secretary Orde, of an accommodation with Portugal, has already begun to operate. Manufactured goods of various kinds are actually preparing here, and on Sunday last upwards of 12,000 pieces of linen were entered at our customhouse for Oporto, for which place four vessels are outward-bound.

" At the assizes of Armagh, Henry O'Kean was fully convicted of uttering and vending stamps, knowing them to be forged, and ordered for execution."

It has often been advanced, that every country produces simple Medicine for the relief of those diseases with which the people are liable to be affected. In proof of which we may instance the Oriental Vegetable Cordial, introduced into this kingdom under the sanction of his Majesty.—In an extensive practice for a number of years, it has proved a blessing to mankind, in relieving them from torture of the most fatal tendency, viz. Excruciating Colicky Pains, and all irritations of the Stomach and Bowels, Flatulencies, Reaching, Sickness, Vomiting, Crudities, Indigestion, &c. &c. Nor are its powers confined to the cure of those maladies alone; so various are the virtues of this medicine, attributed to those Oriental Ingredients of which it is prepared, that the Gout, Rheumatism, and other Chronic Complaints, which owe their origin to a depraved State of the Stomach, have speedily and effectually been removed by a few glasses of this Salutary Cordial, now in such general estimation in the fashionable circle. To be had in bottles of 5 s. including the duty, of Mr Cornwell, Conduit-street, Hanover-square, London; and of Husband, Elder, and Co. in Edinburgh.

PROLOGUE

Spoken by Mr WOODS

ON HIS BENEFIT NIGHT, MONDAY, APRIL 16.

COMPOSED BY MR. BURNS.

WHEN, by a generous Public's kind acclaim,
That dearest meed is granted—honest fame;
When *here* your favour is the *actor*'s lot,
Nor even the *man* in *private life* forget;
What breast so dead to heavenly virtue's glow
But heaves impassion'd with the grateful throe.

Poor is the task to please a barb'rous throng,
It needs no Siddons' powers in Southern's song;
But here an ancient nation, fam'd afar
For genius, learning high, as great in war—
Hail CALEDONIA! name for ever dear!
Before whose Sons I'm honour'd to appear!
Where every science, every nobler art,
That can inform the mind, or mend the heart,
Is known;—as grateful nations oft have found,
Far as the rude barbarian marks the bound.
Philosophy, no idle, pedant dream,
Here holds her search by heaven-taught Reason's beam;
Here Hist'ry paints, with elegance and force,
The tide of empire's fluctuating course.
Here Douglas forms wild Shakespeare into plan,
And Harley† rouses all the God in man.
When well-form'd taste and sparkling wit unite,
With manly lore, or female beauty bright,
(Beauty, where faultless symmetry and grace
Can only charm us in the second place)—
Witness my heart, how oft with panting fear,
As on this night, I've met these Judges here!
But still the hope Experience taught to live,
Equal to judge, you're candid to forgive.—
No hundred-headed Riot here we meet,
With Decency and Law beneath his feet;
Nor Insolence assumes fair Freedom's name,—
Like CALEDONIANS you applaud or blame.

O Thou, dread Power! whose empire-giving hand
Has oft been stretch'd to shield this honour'd land!
Strong may she glow with all her ancient fire;
May every son be worthy of his sire;
Firm may she rise with generous disdain
At Tyranny's—or direr Pleasure's chain;
Still self-dependant, in her native shore
Bold may she brave grim Danger's loudest roar,
Till Fate the curtain drop on worlds to be no more!

† The Man of Feeling, wrote by Mr Mackenzie.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

I Was happy to see yesterday, Mr Moss's benefit announced, and so elegant a bill of fare upon that occasion. The Comedy of Which is the Man? may, in my opinion, be reckoned the best of our modern comedies.—Whether we consider the dialogue, the plot, the general tendency, or the innumerable sallies of brilliant wit,—it must be the object of universal applause. The characters are generally *novel*, but extremely just.—Lady Bell is the woman of fashion, possessed of every virtue—Julia is virtue in distress, so delicately painted, as must touch the feelings of any one possessed of sensibility; whilst the lively, the gawkish, but forward Miss Pendragon, must extort laughter, even from misery. As to the male characters, I can only say, they are equal to the females. The benignity and good sense of Fitzherbert, and the silent diffident merit of Beauchamp, and the easy chearfulness and harmless gaieties of Belville, are an elegant contrast to the fashionable insincerity of Lord Sparkle, and the affectation and rustic improprieties of Bobby Pendragon. This last character is perhaps one of the most finished portraits that ever was executed; his dress, his discourse, his sentiments, are all to the highest degree outré, laughable, and natural; and it gives me an additional pleasure to see a *dramatis personæ* affixed to this piece, which even London can scarcely parallel.

The Interlude I know nothing about; but if we may judge from Mr Moss's stile of acting, his choice of such a beautiful comedy, and his usual success in shaking the sides of his audience, it will at least be droll.

The farce of Hunt the Slipper I have seen performed in London, night after night, to crowded houses. Such is its humour, that it makes mirth almost painful; and I have seen even Royal sides heartily convulsed by its risible effects. Every part is highly farcical; but the handy officious Billy Brittle stands forward in a most striking point of view. Old Winterbottom, and his maiden sister, are a humourous contrast to each other, and too naturally painted to admit a doubt that they are portraits drawn from the life.

DRAMATICUS.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

ELEGY

Composed in one of the Public Offices of the Court of Session.

In Imitation of part of Mr GRAY's celebrated ELEGY written in a Country Church-yard.

THE Curfeu tolls the knell of parting day;
The bustling Clerks are now from labour free;
Th' Extractors homeward plod their weary way;
The Closet's left to darkness, and to me.

Now fade the glimmering writ-bags on the sight,
And all the rooms a solemn stillness hold,
Save where the moth does wheel his lazy flight,
And clicking wood-worms gnaw the tables old.

Save that from yonder distant vennel head,
Some noisy dame does to the Guard complain
Of drunken Bucks, who, staggering from a *feed**,
Have smash'd her glasses, and her cat have slain!

Beneath those nasty bags, that bench's shade,
Where lies the dust in many a dirty heap,
Each in his narrow cell most closely laid,
Th' extracted processes for ever sleep.

The roaring call of Macers in the morn,
The Lawyers thundering, and the L— themselves,
And Messengers, those servants of the Horn,
No more shall rouse them from their dusty shelves.

Perhaps in this neglected spot is laid
Some suit once pregnant with judicial fire;
Writs, which the minds of learned Lords have sway'd,
And stir'd the Advocates to burning ire.

For Knowledge in their lines, her ample page,
Rich with the spoils of law, would full unroll,
Brought forth by all the genius of the age,
Inspir'd by great Justinian's awful soul.

Yet ev'n these writs from insult to protect,
Some frail memorial's still erected nigh,
A label-card, with names of parties deck'd,
To point them out as any passes by.

For which, of dumb forgetfulness the sport,
Its quibbling, quirky being e'er resign'd,
Left the [illegible]
Without some mark its lurking-hole to find?

The boast of eloquence, of wit the power,
And all the works of Genius itself,
Await alike th' inevitable hour:
The toils of Counsel lead but to the shelf!

THE EPITAPH.

HERE rests his head upon this beechen board—
A Suit to Writers, and to Clerks well known;
The litigants—a Viscount and a Lord;
And Lawyers mark'd it out as all their own.

Large was their bounty, their contention strong.
With open purse, and many a clinking fee:
But now 'tis o'er! the Guineas all are gone!
And nothing left but—musty writs——Ah me!

A. B.

* A gross, but fashionable expression among the youths of spirit at present, signifying an entertainment.

MEMBERS *to the ensuing* GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbytery of *Caithness*—Rev. Mr Joseph Taylor at Watten and Mr Patrick Nicolson at Thurso, ministers; Bailie Daniel Miller merchant, Canongate, ruling elder.

Presbytery of *St Andrew's*—Rev. Mr John Mair at Cameron, Professor George Hill at St Andrew's, Mr James Macdonald at Kemback, and Mr Henry David Hill of Denmuo, ministers; Colonel Monypenny and Mr Ballairdie, ruling elders.

University of *St Andrew's*—Principal Maccormick.

Burgh of *St Andrew's*—Dr Andrew Duncan, Edinburgh.

REPORT *of the* Quantities of Meal *brought into the Meal Market of Edinburgh, with the Prices at which it sold, April* 17. 1787.

Lothian oat-meal,	80	bolls.
South Country ditto,	200	
	s.	d.
Best Lothian oat-meal sold at	15	6
Second ditto,	15	0
Third ditto,	14	9
Best South Country ditto,	15	4
Second ditto,	15	0
Third ditto,	14	9
Best meal sold by retail at	1	0
Second ditto,	0	11½
Third ditto,		

per boll. / per peck.

State of the Thermometer since our last:

Monday, April 16.	8 o'clock,	P. M.	42
Tuesday, — 17.	8 —	A. M.	46
	8 —	P. M.	47
Wednesday, — 18.	8 —	A. M.	49
	8 —	P. M.	48
Thursday, — 19.	8 —	A. M.	49

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND,

April 1. James and David, Mudie, of and from Dundee, for Riga, in ballast.
Jennies, Craigie, of and from Montrose, for Riga, ditto.
Peggy, Reid, of and from ditto, for Memel, ditto.
Enterprise, Patullo, of and from Dundee, for Riga, ditto.
Diligence of Kirkcaldy, Millar, from Gottenburhg, for East sea, with herrings.
Mary of ditto, Malcolm, from ditto, for Dantzick, ditto.
Molly, Miller, of and from Kincardine, for Memel, in ballast.
Amity of Dysart, Bridges, from Borrowstounness, for Copenhagen, with coals.
Hope, Patrick, of and from Dundee, for Riga, in ballast.
Clyde of Kirkcaldy, Bridges, from Gottenburhg, for Riga, with herrings.
Memphi of Memel, Gardner, from Wanne, for Memel, with salt.
Cæres, Booth, of and from Aberdeen, for Dantzick, in ballast.
2. Grafton, Adam, of and from Dundee, for Riga, ditto.

P. S. We are sorry to learn, that the Success of Dysart, Captain David Burnet, was lost a few leagues to the southward of Wingow, on her passage to Copenhagen, with coals. Crew saved.

Elsinore April 3.—Wind Southerly.

WOOD AND HOWDEN.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK,

April 9. Fortune, M'Ewan, from Lairn, with limestones.
St Kelda, M'Leod, from Harries, with fish and oil.
Nancy, M'Leod, from ditto, with herrings.
10. Success, M'Michael, from Water of Ore, with meal.
Providence, Griffolk, from Dumfries, with ditto.
Mary and Jean, Kendale, from Waterford, with ditto.
Elizabeth, Crawford, from Ayr, in ballast.
11. Sally, M'Kean, from Wigton, with barley.
12. Jessie, M'Pherson, from Belfast, with goods.
Excise Cutter, Capt. Gelly, from a cruize.
14. Peggy, M'Lachlan, from Ballyholish, with slates.

SAILED,

3. Jeanie, Kinnier, for Quebec, with goods.
Cochran, Stevenson, for Newfoundland, with goods.
Fellowship, Noble, for Jamaica, with goods.
5. Ann, Boyle, for Virginia, with ditto.
Betsey, Duncan, for Rotterdam, with tobacco.
6. Ulysses, Burr, for Wilmington, with goods.
Friends, Cousar, for Lairn and New York, with ditto.
Nelly, Crawford, for Rotterdam, with tobacco.
Nimrod, Ritchie, for Oporto, in ballast.
9. Peggy, Steel, for Virginia, with goods.
10. Flora, M'Fie, for Newry, with tobacco.
Eliza, Morrison, for Charlestown, with goods.
12. Ainly, Tarbet, for Memel, in ballast.
13. Penelope, Ramsay, for Rotterdam, with tobacco.
Eagle, M'Walter, for Cork, in ballast.
14. Jeanie, M'Gill. for Virginia, with goods.

ARRIVED AT LEITH,

April 16. Elisabeth, Stevenson, from Glasgow, with goods.
Helen, Rasclson, from Easterezer, with wood.
Friendship, Ritchie, from St David's, with coals.
Elspeth, Reid, from Charlestown, with tiles.
17. Exchange, Paton, from Queensferry, with soap, &c.
William, Slater, from Kirkwall, with goods.
James, Wishart, from Dunbar, with oil.
Robert, Brown, from Glasgow, with soap.
Anne's Increase, Grieve, from No. Berwick, with grain.
Morning Star, Youll, from Gottenburgh, deals & iron.
Nathaniel and Mary, Johnston, from Methel, in balast.
Two Sisters, Paderson, from Easterezer, with wood.
Brothers, Young, from St David's, with beef.
18. Glasgow Packet, Campbell, from Carron, with goods.
Nancy, Maxwell, from Borrowstounness, with goods.
Temple, Bridges, from Inverkeithing, with coals.
Three sloops with coals.

SAILED,

Mally, Bryce, for Montrose, with goods.
Jean, Miller, for Wick, ditto.
Providence, Ross, for Glasgow, ditto.
Katharine and Isobel, Lyell, for Perth, ditto.

PRICES OF GRAIN AT HADDINGTON, April 13.

	First.	Second.	Third.
Wheat,	19 s. 6 d.	17 s. 6 d.	16 s. 0 d.
Barley,	17 6	17 0	16 0
Oats,	15 0	14 0	13 0
Pease,	17 0	16 0	00 0

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All Linen Cloth, yard wide and under, not exceeding

	Per Yard.		Per Yard.
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1200,	3½d.	Diapers,	4d.
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1400,	4½d.	Long Lawns,	3d.
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All above yard-wide in proportion to its breadth.

Cloth for these Fields is presently taken in by JAMES TORRY Merchant, Royal Exchange, Edinburgh, William Braidwood ironmonger, Grass-market; William Coke bookseller, Leith; James Gillies bookseller, Glasgow, John Gray weaver, Dalkeith; John Berrie merchant, ditto; Thomas Mair merchant, Bathgate; Miss Eupheme Walker merchant, St Andrews; William Main merchant, Cupar Fife; Mrs Janet Bell, Leven; John Melvill and Son, Dysart; William Philip and Son, Kirkcaldy; Mrs Helen Scott, Anstruther; Mrs Alexander, Dunfermline; James Duncan merchant, Alloa; Mr James Addison senior, Borrowstounness; David Ouchterlonie, Dundee; William Ritchie merchant, Arbroath; John Low merchant, Montrose; John Batt junior, in Cupar Angus; Robert Cargill merchant, Dunkeld; James Glas merchant, Crieff; David Sandeman merchant, and William Sandeman and Company, Perth; Hector Turnbull at Luncarty, and John Turnbull at Tulloch.

Mahogany and Cedar Posts.

TO be SOLD by public sale, at the Yard of James Phillips and Company, merchants, Leith, upon Friday the 20th current, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

About 30,000 feet of MAHOGANY, and 300 CEDAR POSTS.

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To be LET for an INN, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE HALL belonging to the Royal Company of Archers, Edinburgh.—Most of the furniture necessary for the house belongs to the Company, of which the tenant will have the use.

Apply to James Gray writer, Merchant Street, Edinburgh.

TO BE LET OR SOLD,
And entered to at Whitsunday next,

THAT HOUSE on the east side of North Hanover Street, being the second entry from George Street, possessed by the Hon. Mrs Boyd. It consists of nine rooms, with kitchen, cellars, back-ground, &c.

For particulars, apply to Andrew Steuart jun. writer to the signet.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in Millar's Street, on Thursday the 3d of May next,

Upwards of 190 Planks of Jamaica MAHOGANY, in lots of 600 to 800 feet each.

It is sound, of exceeding good quality and lengths, and from 17 to 30 inches broad.—Most of it near the latter breadth; and the whole fit for tables or broad furniture.

Apply at Robert Dunmore and Company's countinghouse, Miller's Street.

Glasgow, April 13. 1787.

At MONTROSE, the fourteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven years.

THE which day, in presence of me Notary Public, and witnesses afternamed and designed subscribing, compeared James Coutts, Esq; Provost, and David Buchanan, Secretary of the Committee of Burgesses of the Burgh of Montrose, for themselves, and in name and behalf of the other Burgesses and Heritors of the said Burgh, who have declared for the necessity of a Reform in the Internal Government of the Royal Burghs of Scotland; and passed with us respectively and successively after others, to the personal presence of Adam Glegg, Esq; Provost, John Milne junior, James Lyal, and David Ford, Bailies, John Low, Dean of Guild, George Paton, Treasurer, James Paton, Hospital-master, William Ross, Robert Quchterlony, Andrew Milne, Robert Ferrier, Robert Napier, James Campbell, Thomas Webster, James Low, John Davidson, and Peter Pringle, all Counsellors of the said Burgh; and represented to them as a fact, admitting of the most incontestible evidence, and of which they could not be ignorant, That the measures which have been pursued for obtaining a change in the Internal Government of the Burghs, are strictly conformable to the sense of a great majority of the Burgesses of Montrose: That, nevertheless, in consequence of instructions contained in a circular letter from the Convention of Burghs, to all the Town Councils, they the said Magistrates, in conjunction with the other members of the Town Council of the Burgh of Montrose, had wrote to several members of Parliament, soliciting them to take a decided part against the claims of the Burgesses when they should be submitted to the discussion of that Assembly: And, therefore, the said James Coutts and David Buchanan, for themselves, and in name and behalf of all the Burgesses in Montrose, adhering to the cause of Reform, protested that these letters should be understood to contain the sense of the Town Council *only*, unless some authentic evidence should be produced, that others of the Burgesses were adverse to that cause; and they the said James Coutts and David Buchanan for themselves, and in name and behalf foresaid, called upon the said Magistrates and Town Council, one by one, to produce such evidence, either immediately or in Parliament, and that by exhibiting the number and names of the Burgesses espousing these sentiments, if any such there were: And the said James Coutts and David Buchanan for themselves, and in name and behalf foresaid, further protested, That if their requisition was not complied with, it should be competent for them to make use of the same as a proof, that in opposing the plan of Reform, the Town Councils were acting in direct contradiction to the sense of a great majority of the Burgesses. Whereupon, and upon all and sundry the premisses, the said James Coutts and David Buchanan, for themselves, and in name and behalf foresaid, asked and took instruments in the hands of me Notary Public subscribing.—To all which, it was answered, as follows, viz. By the said Provost Adam Glegg, That he knew no person in town, who had authority to call for such an answer from him as Provost of Montrose, or words to that purpose; and by the said William Ross, that he thought a Reform in the Government of the Burghs was very necessary; and so far from concurring in the late application to members of Parliament to oppose it, he did not even hear of it till sometime after, as it was made by the Provost and a Committee of Council, without calling a Council on the subject; and so far as he knew, without consulting any other inhabitant of the town: And thereupon, the said William Ross also asked and took instruments in the hands of me Notary Public subscribing, and by the said Andrew Milne, that he knew nothing about that letter, nor was he consulted about it, or words to that effect. And upon being asked by the Notary subscribing, if he meant these words as his answer to the requisition made by the said James Coutts and David Buchanan, [illegible] such?—He answered, No requisition by any of the Magistrates or Town Councillors, excepting such as were frivolous, and by the said James Coutts and David Buchanan thought unworthy of notice.—These things were so done in the personal presence of all of the said Magistrates and members of Town Council above named, excepting the said John Milne, David Ford, and John Low, for whom schedules of protest were left with their wives, within their shops, to be given to them, because they could not be personally apprehended, betwixt the hours of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, and one of the clock in the afternoon, of the day, month, and year of God, severally above written, before and in presence of Alexander Paterson, merchant in, and sometime one of the Bailies of Montrose, and James Burness, writer in the said Burgh, witnesses specially called and required to the premisses.

Præmissa sunt vera.

Alexander Paterson, Witness. JOHN OGILVIE, *N. P.*
James Burness, Witness.

Sale of Lands in the county of Stirling.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Friday the 29th day of June next, to begin at one o'clock afternoon,

The Lands of TORWOOD; also these detached FARMS, called CRAWNEST, LOCHS, and BELLSDYKE, all lying in the parishes of Larbert and Airth, and county of Stirling.

The situation of Torwood is remarkably beautiful, commanding a delightful and most extensive prospect, and there are a great quantity of valuable trees of various kinds upon the lands. There is a part of the Torwood of considerable value, lying to the north of the road, leading from Falkirk to Stirling, which is held few of the proprietor of Torwood, and is now in non-entry, so that the purchaser will be entitled to an entry from the vassal.—The soil of the other farms is extremely good, and their vicinity to Carron Works greatly encreases their value.

The lands of Torwood, and each of the farms, will be put up to roup separately.

For farther particulars apply to John Dundas, clerk to the signet.

William Lewis, at the house of Cuzenhall, will show the grounds.

Church to Rebuild.

TRADESMEN willing to Contract for rebuilding part of the Walls of the parish Church of CUPAR in Fife, and putting a new Roof on it, are requested, within fourteen days from this date, to lodge estatimates of the expence with Mr James Carstairs, town clerk of Cupar, who will give information of every particular wanted.

Surety will be required for the due performance of the work, and to uphold the Church for three years.

Contractors Wanted for a Pier.

IT is intended to build at Kettle, opposite to Alva, a Stone PIER or BULWARK, this summer, to prevent the water of Forth from making encroachments.—Those who would incline to build the same, may give in their proposals, with the dimensions of the pier, the size of the stones, and the method in which they would propose to build it, in writing to John Robertson, writer in Edinburgh, betwixt and the 20th May next. John Yule at Kettle will shew the place where it is to be built.——Not to be repeated.

Red-Water and Jedburgh Turnpikes.

THE General Meeting of Trustees for the Roxburgh-shire TURNPIKES, by Jedburgh, &c. stands adjourned to Monday the 30th of April instant, when it is proposed to have under their serious consideration, the bad state of the Red-Water Turnpike road in Northumberland, leading to the Mid Border between England and Scotland; and to take the most effectual measures that may occur, for having that useful road properly repaired. The Trustees concerned are requested to attend. DAVID BROWN Clk.

By Order of John Pringle, Esq; Advocate, his Majesty's Sheriff Depute of Stirling-shire.

THESE are intimating to the whole Commissioners of Supply of said shire, to meet at Stirling upon the 30th day of April current, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of laying on the land-tax for the service of the current year, in terms of the act of Parliament thereanent, and also to chuse a Convener, Collector, and Clerk. Given and signed at Stirling, the 16th day of April 1787 years.

JOHN M'KILLOP.

TO COVER THIS SEASON AT DARNHALL,
(And not at Ballencrieff, as formerly advertised,)

CHAMONT, at One Guinea a Mare,

and Half-a-Crown to the Groom.

He is got by Matchem, dame by Alcides. Chamont is remarkable for figure, strength, action, and a good constitution.

Grass for Mares, at the usual price.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE Feu-Duties payable out of certain Tenements and Areas in Nicolson's Street,

amounting to about 42 l. Sterling, after deducing what is payable to the superior. The feuers pay a duplicando at the entry of each heir or singular successor.

Any intending to purchase, may apply to Robert Watson at the Receiver General's Office, Canongate.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of the deceased JAMES IRONSIDE, Merchant in Perth.

THAT the whole Creditors who have as yet appeared have agreed to accept of 10 s. in the pound, in full of their debts, which dividend is intended to be made against the term of Whitsunday next. It is therefore requested, that such of the Creditors as have not yet lodged their claims with the relict, will do so betwixt and said term, otherwise they will be cut out of their share, agreeable to the advertisement of 28th December last.

NOTICE.

THESE are requiring all who have claims on the deceased Mr WILLIAM GALT, baker in Greenock, on or before the first day of May next, to lodge with Patrick Scott, merchant in Greenock, exact notes of their claims, with oaths to their verity. And it is requested, that all who are debtors to the defunct will immediately call on the said Patrick Scott, and pay what they owe, in order to prevent prosecutions.

And, upon Thursday the 26th instant, there will be exposed to public roup, within the dwelling-house, bake-house, and cellars of the defunct, the whole Household Plenishing and Furniture, stock of Flour, Biscuit, Salted Provisions, and other articles.—The roup to begin at 10 o'clock forenoon that day, and to continue until all be sold off.

Greenock, April 14. 1787.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS or JAMES TAINSH.

WHEREAS, in the month of February last, James Tainsh, merchant in Crieff, granted a trust-deed to John Cook merchant, Crieff, of his whole property, debts, &c. for behoof of all his creditors.—The same being now converted into money, the creditors are required to make affidavit to their respective debts, and send to the said John Cook, on or before the 1st day of June next, 1787, as a division of his subject is then to be made; certifying, that those who shall fail, or neglect to do the same, will be cut off, as no other division is expected to be made.

Not to be repeated.

Notice to Creditors.

MICHAEL CONNAL, merchant in Stirling, Trustee for the Creditors of WILLIAM [illegible] bankrupt, hereby intimates, that the creditors will meet within the house of James Wingate, vintner in Stirling, upon Thursday the 26th of April current, at twelve o'clock, when the state and other matters relative to the management will be laid before them; and if any of the creditors have not lodged their affidavits, it is expected that they will do it betwixt and that time, that they may not be cut out of a share of the first dividend. Not to be repeated.

Leven Bleachfield, 1787.

ANDREW MALLACH, bleacher to Mr Stark, has laid down Cloth, and bleaches at the prices following, viz. All plain linen, yard wide or under, wove in a

900 reed, or under,	at 2½d.	Diapers, Long Lawns and Cambrics,	3½d.
1000 and 1100,	3 d.	Tweels, -	4 d.
1200 and 1300,	3½d.	Damask, -	4½d.
1400 and 1500,	4 d.		
1600 and all above,	4½d.		

Cloth for this field is taken in by

Messr. Robert Kerr haberdasher, first fore-stair below the head of Bridge-street, } Edinburgh.
James Elder merchant, Luckenbooths. } Edinburgh.
David Forrest grocer, Potter-row, } Edinburgh.
James Arklay clerk to the weigh-house, Leith.
Mrs Hislop, Prestonpans.
William Bain merchant, Cupar Fife.
John Wishart merchant, St Andrew's.
George Westwater weaver, Crail.
John Caithness jun. merchant, Anstruther.
Mrs Horsburgh, Pittenweem.
Andrew Mackie merchant, Kilconquhar.
Patrick Cæsar merchant, Colinsburgh.
John Foord bookseller, Kirkaldy.
Bailie Peden merchant, Kinghorn.
David Knox merchant, Burntisland.
Alexander Howie, Ceres.
Thomas Knox merchant, Culross.
Bailie Killop merchant, Inverkeithing.
Laurence Gib merchant, Dunfermline.
Robert Stark, Brucefield.
Andrew Mallach, Leven field.

At all which places receipts will be given.

Dunottar, Kincardineshire, April 16. 1787.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE Farms of Carmount, Clochnahill, NEWTON, and MILL of URAS.

—Application to be made to Mr Allardyce at Aberdeen, the proprietor.

Robert Glegg at Stonehaven, the ground officer, will shew the premisses.

EXCISE OFFICE, Edinburgh, 12th April 1787.

BY ORDER OF THE

Honourable Commissioners of Excise,

THERE will be exposed to sale, by public auction, at the Excise Ware-house in LEITH, on Friday the 20th April inst. at twelve o'clock noon,

26 Boxes of BLACK TEA, 84 Ankers of BRANDY, 17 Ankers of RUM, 436 Ankers of GENEVA, 20 Half-Hogsheads of FRENCH RED WINE, with the Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, and the Materials of the Hull, (after being broke up) of a COPPER-BOTTOMED BRIG of 168 tons burden, lately condemned as forfeited in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer.

The conditions of sale, and the Tea, Spirits, and Wine, to be seen at the Excise Warehouse in Leith; and the vessel and her materials, by applying to Mr James Gray, Shore-master of Leith, on the day before, or morning of the day of sale.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, on Tuesday the 24th day of April current, betwixt the hours of four and five o'clock afternoon,

TWO Tenements of Land, lying near

to the middle of Stevenlaw's Close, consisting of eight dwelling Houses, and two Cellars; all tenanted, and paying of yearly rent, 16 l. Sterling. The subjects are insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office

The title-deeds and conditions of sale will be seen in the hands of John Elston, solicitor at law, Edinburgh, who will inform as to other particulars, and has full powers to sell by private bargain.

A Brewery and other Subjects.

To be SOLD within John's Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 2d of May next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

THAT large and commodious BREWERY, lying in Portsburgh, lately belonging to the deceased Mr John Straton, brewer there, and now in the occupation of Mr Richard Sommerville, brewer; consisting of a brew-house, store-houses, malt-barn, lofts, and two kilns, one whereof fitted up for drying brown malt, and the other for drying pale malt; together with a set of machinery for the purpose of raising water and grinding malt.

As also, the Large TENEMENT of HOUSES, Garden, and Pertinents, possessed by the said Mr Richard Sommerville and others, adjoining to the said Brewery. Behind the brewery there is a stance for a house, with a piece of garden ground, which, from its vicinity to the Lothian road, will render it a very eligible situation, when the alterations of the bill for improving the city and environs take place.

Mr Sommerville will shew the premisses; and the progress of writs and conditions of sale are to be seen in the hands of James Monro writer, St James's Square, Edinburgh.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain, the following parts of the Town and Barony of SYMINGTON, viz.

THE Lands of Greencroft, with

the small FEU thereto belonging; the Cot-House and Yard in the town of Symington, possessed by Robert Blackley; the Inclosure called GEDDENCE, possessed by Alexander Waugh, consisting of 21 acres 3 roods, or thereabouts; 11 acres of Croft-ground, called LINDSAY LANDS; 21 acres 3 roods, or thereabouts, called BORCLOATH, possessed by Thomas Paterson younger; with the Teinds, Parsonage, and Vicarage of the said lands; all lying in the barony and parish of Symington, and shire of Lanark.

The lands hold of a subject-superior, and pay of gross rent in all, 52 l. 5 s. 10 d. The deductions for feu-duty, minister's stipend, and school salary, amount to 9 l. 14 s. 6 s.—So that there remains of nett rent 42 l. 11 s. 4 d.

For particulars, apply to Mr Mitchelson, Carruber's Close, Edinburgh, who has power to conclude a bargain.

Sale of Lands in Fife.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, (Ramsay's), Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 1st day of August next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

THE Lands and Estate of STRATHAIRLY, lying within the parish of Largo, and county of Fife, consisting of about 256 acres, conform to survey. The rent presently paid is 177 l. 18 s. 1 d. Sterling, including a considerable quantity of victual, converted by the tacks at the low rate of 8 s. 4 d. per boll.

This estate is delightfully situated, of a south exposure, along the sea coast, rich and fertile as any lands in Fife; having also every article for improvement on itself, coal, sea-ware for kelp or manure, shell, sand, &c. There is a mansion-house, offices, pigeon-house, and garden, which, with some acres of ground, are at present in the natural possession of the proprietor, and may be entered into immediately, and the tacksman of the coal is bound to deliver a certain quantity of coal yearly, for the use of the family.

These lands hold of a subject-superior, for payment of a small feu-duty, and stand valued in the cess books of the county at 819 l. 6 s. 8 d. Scots. The ware [illegible] expire [illegible], a considerable rise of rent may be reasonably expected, from the uncommon goodness of the soil, and many local advantages.

The progress of writs, and title-deeds of the estate, together with a plan, survey, and rental, may be seen in the hands of William Macdonald, writer to the signet, Prince's Street, Edinburgh; and such as incline a private bargain, previous to the day of roup, may apply to the proprietor at Edinburgh, or to Doctor Goodsir at Leven, who will give orders to show the lands.

Inn or Stage at Dalnacardoch to Let.

THE well-known frequented INN, built under the direction of the late Board of Trustees for managing the Forfeited Estates at Dalnacardoch, part of the estate of Lochgary, being the next stage on the great military road from Blair of Athol to Inverness, with the Farm, Inclosures, and Hill-pasture thereto belonging, are to be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon. The tenant's entry to commence at Whitsunday first, when the same becomes void by the voluntary removal of the widow of the late tenant.

This stage is so well frequented and known to all travellers to the north of Scotland by the Highland road, for its many conveniencies and accommodation by the complete and elegant manner in which the house and square of offices have been built and finished with stone and lime and slated roof, at a high expence, and also the stone-inclosures, that it may be deemed superfluous to give any pompous description either of the situation or accommodation for travellers and Noblemen and Gentlemen who resort to it, even from England, during the shooting season, as well as the great extent and range of pasture ground for enabling the possessor to hold a stock of black cattle and sheep. And therefore it becomes only necessary to say in general, that it is perhaps one of the completest and best accommodated of any of the Highland stages in the north of Scotland. And as the proprietor is desirous to have a person properly qualified to occupy such a place, so as to keep up the character of the Stage, and give satisfaction to travellers, this public intimation is made.

Persons intending to offer will please apply to William Macdonald writer to the signet, Prince's Street, Edinburgh, or to Alexander Stewart, at Miln-town of Drumacheine, the factor.

Stirling Stage Coach to Edinburgh.

GEORGE M'KECHNIE has the pleasure to acquaint his friends and the public, that he has for some time past had the whole management of the Edinburgh Coach between Linlithgow and Stirling, in which Mr Stewart was formerly concerned, and has provided it with a set of horses that, he flatters himself, will give abundant satisfaction.—He has further to inform them, that his success on the Glasgow road, by the reduction of the tickets from 7 s. to 5 s. 6 d. has encouraged him, with concurrence of his partner Mr Cameron in Edinburgh, and the proprietors of the other Coach, to make trial of the tickets to Edinburgh for three months, at the reduced price of 8 s. 6 d. a seat. In the conclusion of that period, if it is found to answer, they propose to reduce the fare still lower. But if, on the contrary, they find they are losers, it is hoped, an indulgent public will not take it ill, if they are obliged to raise it to the old price.

The Coach sets out as formerly, from M'Kechnie's, at the Saracen's Head, Stirling, by eight o'clock in the morning, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from Cameron's, Grass-market, Edinburgh, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the same hour. His Coach to Glasgow, still continues to go in the old way, every Tuesday and Thursday morning at eight o'clock; and as an elegant new carriage is provided for this purpose, to hold six people with ease, he is hopeful it will encourage a continuance of the public favour.

Considering that M'Kechnie is an entire stranger, and that notwithstanding his house has been countenanced by the inhabitants, country gentlemen, and travellers in general, among whom were many people of distinction, he thinks he should be wanting in gratitude, not to acknowledge his obligations. He therefore takes this opportunity of returning them his sincerest thanks, and of assuring them that no endeavour shall be wanting to render his house every way agreeable to all who may favour him with their countenance.

He only takes leave to add, that he is getting an addition to the number of his post chaises, and as his horses have hitherto given general content, is hopeful, that travellers will now find themselves accommodated at his Inn in the completest manner.

House and Offices of Muiravenside,

TO BE LET FURNISHED.

THE HOUSE of MUIRAVENSIDE, situated in the county of Stirling, and near the town of Linlithgow, consisting of nine fire-rooms, milk-house, laundry, stables, and coach-house, with a good garden, dove-cote, and any quantity of inclosed grass ground, close by the house, that may be desired.

The situation and other conveniencies of this place renders it perhaps one of the most delightful and pleasant villas in any part of Scotland. It stands upon the banks of the water of Avon, little more than a mile above the bridge over the Avon, on the great road from Edinburgh to Stirling, in a plentiful healthy country, having the convenience of market towns, stage-coaches, flies, carriers, &c. passing to and from Edinburgh to Glasgow, Stirling, and other parts of the west country, every day. In short, it may be deemed superfluous to give any other description of this place further than in general to say, that its local situation is such as to render it highly commodious for any family who wish to enjoy the pleasures of a country life.

For particulars, apply to Mr Macdonald writer to the signet, Princes-street, Edinburgh. The House, Ground, &c. will be shewn by the servants at Muiravenside house.

Lease of a Farm for forty-one years.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 25th day of April 1787, between the hours of one and two afternoon,

A LEASE of the LANDS of HOWATSTONE and GRANGE, lying in the county of Edinburgh, and on the south side of the water of Almond, near to the village of Livingston, and to the road from Edinburgh to Glasgow.

These lands contain 400 acres Scots measure, well inclosed by the present tacksman, except a small farm set to a subtenant. The rent payable to the proprietor, by the lease is 114 l. 10 s. and there is subset to good tenants 250 acres, at the yearly rent of 174 l. The remainder of the lands consist of 115 acres of grass inclosures, out of lease, and 15 acres of planting, situated in the centre of the farm, and 20 acres of muir detached. The tacksman has right, by the lease, to the greatest part of the planting on the grounds.

James Shanks at Howatstone will show the lands.

For particulars, apply to George Henderson, at Craigton, by Kirkliston, or Matthew Sandilands writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a private bargain any time before the sale.

AYR-SHIRE.

THE following Farms, belonging to Mr Alexander, lying within the parishes of Mauchline and Sorn, are to be LET in tack for nineteen years. Entry to the lands at Martinmas next, to the houses and grass at Whitsunday 1788.

HAUGHYET, consisting of about 80 acres, all inclosed and subdivided.—There is a good steading of Houses upon this Farm, which lies within a quarter of a mile of the town of Mauchline.

GRASSYARDS, 73 acres, most of it inclosed, with a new steading of Houses upon the lands.

HOLMSTOUN and RIDGATES, together contain upwards of 90 acres; and

DYKEFIELD,—about 90 acres capable of great improvement. The proprietor will inclose, and build good houses where wanting, and will also assist in liming.

There are good roads through all these farms, which lie in the neighbourhood of Ayr, Kilmarnock, Cumnock, &c. with lime and coal within a short distance.

Offers for these farms will be received till Lammas next by Arthur Bruce the factor at Ballamyle.

N. B. None need apply, but such as are in circumstances to stock the lands sufficiently.

Johnston, Heithat, and Brandriggs,

IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Isaac Mollinder, vintner in Lockerby, on Wednesday the 9th day of May next, between the hours of eleven and twelve mid-day,

The LANDS of JOHNSTON, called JOHNSTON MAINS, with the pertinents, lying within the parish of Eskdalemuir, and sheriffdom of Dumfries.

AS ALSO,

The Five-merk Land of HEITHAT and BRANDRIGGS, lying within the parish of Hutton, and sheriffdom aforesaid.

The lands of Johnston are situated on the water of Esk, between Hawick and Langholm, about an equal distance from each.—The present rent is only about 40 l. but a considerable rise may be expected on the purchaser's entry, which may be immediately, as there are no tacks on the lands.

The lands of Heithat and Brandriggs are also situated in a very pleasant country, very extensive, and capable of great improvement.—They contain 400 Scots acres, whereof about 80 acres are arable, of an exceeding good soil.—The remaining 320 acres, excellent pasture ground. They lie within 5 or 6 miles of two different limestone quarries, and about the same distance from Lockerby and Ecclefechan, both market towns, through which the turnpike road passes; and about two thirds of the lands are inclosed with a stone dyke. The present rent is 90 l. Sterling but a considerable rise may be expected on these lands, as the tack is expired.

Further information may be got, by applying to George Graham of Grahamshall, the factor, and the tenants will show the grounds.

The progress of writs, which is clear, the rental and measurement of the lands, may be seen in the hands of John Gordon, and Alexander Abercrombie, writers to the signet, to whom proposals may be made for a private bargain, which they have power to conclude between and the day of sale.

To be SET, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE HOUSE of ROSS, consisting

of ten fire-rooms, besides kitchens, apartments for servants, office-houses, &c. with the orchard and garden, and what quantity of adjacent ground the tenant may have occasion for. Also, the FURNITURE in the house.

The House is pleasantly situated on the banks of Lochlomond, and commands a beautiful and extensive view of the lake, and lies about eight measured miles from Dunbarton, a little to the northward of the great road leading to Stirling.

For further particulars, apply to James Ferrier to the signet, Edinburgh, or John Leckie writer in Glasgow.

Lands at Inveresk to Sell.

To be SOLD, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 25th April 1787, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

THESE 9 acres 1 rood and 28 falls of the Lands of INVERESK, with the teinds belonging to and possessed by William Paterson, farmer in Newbigging, lying on the east side of the road to Carberry. The lands have been in the proprietor's natural possession for many years past, but if set in tack for a term of years, would give 30 l. Sterling of rent. There is an excellent free-stone quarry in the above lands, which was lately opened, and may be wrought to great advantage.

For particulars, apply to George Martin or Thomas Smith writers, Argyle's Square, Edinburgh, to whom any person chusing to make a private bargain may apply.

SALE OF

Lands, Superiorities, and Feu-duties,

In the Counties of Edinburgh and Roxburgh.

TO be Sold by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th of June 1787 years, between five and six afternoon,

NEWTON.

The Lands and Barony of NEWTON, lying in the parish of Bedrule.

This estate is pleasantly situated upon the banks of the river Teviot, within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelso, and Hawick, all good market towns. The great road from Berwick to Carlisle runs through it. The soil is remarkably good and very improveable; and there is limestone in the grounds and marl in the neighbourhood,

This estate contains about 740 acres Scots measure—Holds blench of the Crown—Stands valued in the Cess-books of the county at 853 l.—And there are upon it, a great number of fine old trees, of considerable value, some natural wood; several most delightful situations for a mansion-house, and good quarries both in the grounds and in the neighbourhood.

NETHER CHATTO & EDDLESCLEUGH.

The Lands of NETHER CHATTO and EDDLESCLEUGH, lying in the parish of Hownam.

These lands contain 970 Scotch acres or thereby; hold blench off the Crown; and stand valued in the Cess-books of the county at 1144 l. 12 s.

RICCALTOWN & MIDDLEKNOWS.

The Lands of RICCALTOWN and MIDDLEKNOWS, lying in the parish of Oxnam.

These lands contain upwards of 1500 acres Scotch measure; hold blench of the Crown; and stand valued in the Cess-book of the county at 1091 l. 13 s. 4 d.

The lands of Nether Chatto and Eddlescleugh, Riccaltown and Middleknows, are all excellent sheep farms, well known to be superior in quality to most, and inferior to none in Scotland.

HOISLAWHILL, FALSIDE, & PLACE GRADEN.

The Lands of HOISLAWHILL, FALSIDE, and PLACE GRADEN, lying in the parish of Linton.

This estate lies within a few miles of Kelso, upon the west side of the great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle by Kelso, contains 800 acres Scotch measure or thereby; holds blench off the Crown; and is valued in the Cess-books of the county at 586 l. 13 s. 4 d. The soil is good, and very improveable; and there is great plenty of coal and lime in the neighbourhood.

LONGLEE & GILLIESTONGUES.

The Lands of LONGLEE and GILLIESTONGUES, lying in the parish of Jedburgh.

This farm holds feu of the family of Douglas; consists of about 400 acres Scotch measure; is situated upon the water of Jed, within two miles of Jedburgh. The great road from Edinburgh to Newcastle, by Jedburgh runs thro' it. The soil is very good both for tillage and pasture; and there are upon it some fine old trees, and thriving natural wood of considerable value.

N. B. The whole of the above lands lie in the county of Roxburgh.—And,

SUPERIORITY OF PENDREICH.

The SUPERIORITY of certain parts of the Lands of PITTENDREICH or PENDREICH, lying in the parish of Lasswade, and county of Edinburgh, with the Feu-duties payable furth thereof, amounting to 60 l. 1 s. 8 d. Sterling in money, 46 bolls of wheat, and 46 bolls of barley.

The articles of roup, progress of writs, plans and measurements of the grounds, with the rentals and current leases, are to be seen in the hands of Patrick Kerr, writer to the signet; to whom application may be made for further information. The present tenants and baron officers will show the grounds.

Sale of Lands in Lithgow-shire,

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 8th day of August, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

THE LANDS and BARONY of BLACKBURN, and other Lands adjoining thereto, lying in the parishes of Livingston and Bathgate, and county of Linlithgow, about seventeen miles west from Edinburgh, on the great road to Glasgow.

The lands consist of 956 acres Scots measure, and the yearly rent about 700 l. Sterling, part in tenantry, and part in the proprietor's hands. The lands are all inclosed, and subdivided with hedges and stone dykes, and surrounded with belts of thriving planting.

The grounds are in high cultivation, and well supplied with lime from a quarry working on the estate. There is also a coal, between five and six feet thick, which was formerly wrought on the crop, and may still be wrought to great advantage. On this estate, there is a good modern mansion-house, of sixteen fire rooms, besides closets; and excellent offices of every kind adjoining. The valued rent of the property lands is 666 l. 13 s. Scots, and of the superiorities, 672 l.——In whole, 1338 l. 13 s. Scots.

A great part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands.

If more agreeable to purchasers, the estate will be divided into three lots, viz.

LOT I.—Upon which is the mansion-house, and grounds adjacent; yearly rent 402 l. Sterling.

LOT II.—Containing the Mill and Mill-lands, part of Murrayfield, Distillery, Lime-work, Coal, and part of the village of Blackburn; yearly rent, 143 l. Sterling.

LOT III.—Contains part of the lands of Murrayfield, Riddoch-hill, Whitehill, and the rest of the said village; yearly rent, 157 l. Sterling.

As this estate makes three votes for a member of Parliament, if it is sold in lots, it is proposed that each lot shall have a vote.

On the second and third lots there are fine situations for building, being well surrounded with planting; and a purchaser may enter to the mansion-house and part of the grounds at pleasure.

The title-deeds, rentals, and plan of the estate, are lodged with Alexander Watson, writer in Edinburgh; and the grounds and house will be shown by the proprietor at Blackburn: with whom, or Mr Watson, intended purchasers may treat.

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